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On March 21, Econoff delivered reftel demarches to Derhim Assaidi, Head of the Americas desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting was delayed several weeks as a result of a recent cabinet reshuffle. The previous head of Yemen's Anti-Terrorist Financing Committee is now serving as Ambassador to India. Econoff asked Assaidi to pass the talking points on cash curriers and charities to Deputy Foreign Minister Khalid Al-Aqwa, now heading the committee. Al-Aqwa is currently in Thailand, and Assaidi was not able to say who was representing Yemen at the MENA-FATF plenary in Egypt. Post will follow up with Al-Aqwa upon his return to determine clearly who has responsibility in the ROYG for terrorist financing and money laundering issues.  
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